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Dear Panel Members:

Enclosed is a copy of the Children's Administration's (CA) Braam Benchmark Performance Report. In examining the data, you will see that there are no great changes, either increases or decreases, from the baseline to the performance year. This is not surprising when the data is considered in light of CA's entire agenda for foundational reform.

While the Panel is focused on monitoring progress through the benchmarks for the children in out-of-home placement, CA is responsible for the safety and stability of a much larger groups of vulnerable children which includes children in-out-of-home placement. Consequently, at the same time CA has been working to implement the Braam agreement, we have also been implementing mandates from the Governor at the front end of the system with children at risk in their own homes, working with our federal partners on new and existing programs, and preparing to implement the new neglect legislation and the new CWS/CPS services redesign. It is important to note that while moving forward with other important reforms, CA is designing and implementing a new clinical practice model and new information system to replace the poorly functioning CAMIS system.

As we have discussed in the past, sustainable improvements for children in out-of-home placement cannot take place in a vacuum. The essential foundational components that CA is implementing must be in place in order to support sustainable improvements for all children who are touched by the child welfare system in Washington. Over the last two years, I have expressed concern that the Implementation Plan contains too many benchmarks and there is a need to focus and prioritize. The Panel has set over forty (40) performance measures to be reached and the expected increments are not insignificant, with nineteen (19) requiring a 90% performance level after just two years of work. While I understand and share the desire to produce the system improvements as quickly as possible, it is the sustainability and the quality of sought-after changes that is most important to me. CA's goal is qualitative, sustainable change that will improve outcomes for children and families for decades into the future.


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With that in mind, examining the first year of performance data to compare it to the baselines is an excellent opportunity to determine whether adjustments can or should be made, to clarify whether a particular measurement is useful in accurately measuring progress, and to discuss whether prioritizing to allow focus on a smaller number of benchmarks might produce greater movement in the data. CA will provide additional information and suggestions at upcoming work sessions.

Again, we appreciate all the work of the Panel and we look forward to reviewing the data and discussing possible strategies to improve performance and outcomes. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Stephani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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This report presents information about Braam Benchmark performance required by the Braam Implementation Plan. Data presented in this report were developed by the Decision Support Unit, Finance and Operations Support Division, Children's Administration (CA), Department of Social and Health Services. Every care has been taken to ensure that the data are accurate and complete.

Both baseline (FY05) and post-baseline (FY06) performance data are summarized. As anticipated, statistically significant changes have not yet been observed on these measures. Unless benchmarks capture the direct and immediate consequence of an actual change in DSHS resources or practice, additional time will be needed before we are able to evaluate the apparent impact of any changes required by the Plan.

The construction of measures to evaluate changes in the Administration's performance over time has been accomplished through collaborative work between the Decision Support Unit (DSU) and representatives of the Braam Panel. While the Children's Administration has been evaluating its own performance for many years, these benchmarks required the development of many new measures to support the unique interests of the Braam Panel.

Caution should be exercised when using data from this report to describe current CA children, resources or services. These measures were constructed to a) be sensitive to changes in CA performance over time, and b) incorporate specific Braam Panel rules about data inclusion. Therefore, they may not be consistent with the other descriptions of CA client characteristics, resources or service patterns. The annual CA Performance Report and the quarterly Vulnerable Children and Adults GMAP presentations provide additional views of CA performance and resources.

The rapid development of the Braam measures along with the challenges inherent in working with CAMIS administrative data brings with it the potential for unintended errors or omissions in the selection or categorization of data. The Children's Administration reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions found in this report.

Questions about Braam measures should be addressed to:

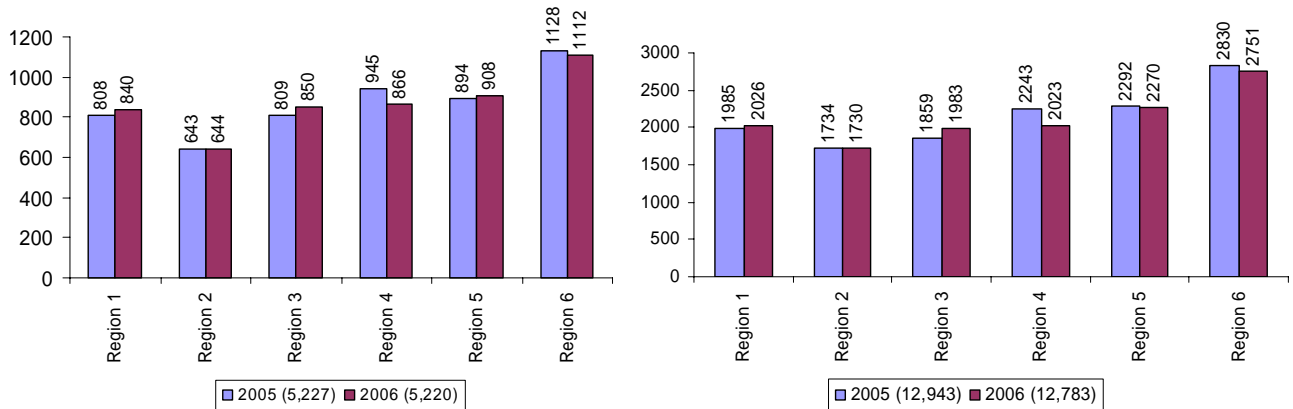
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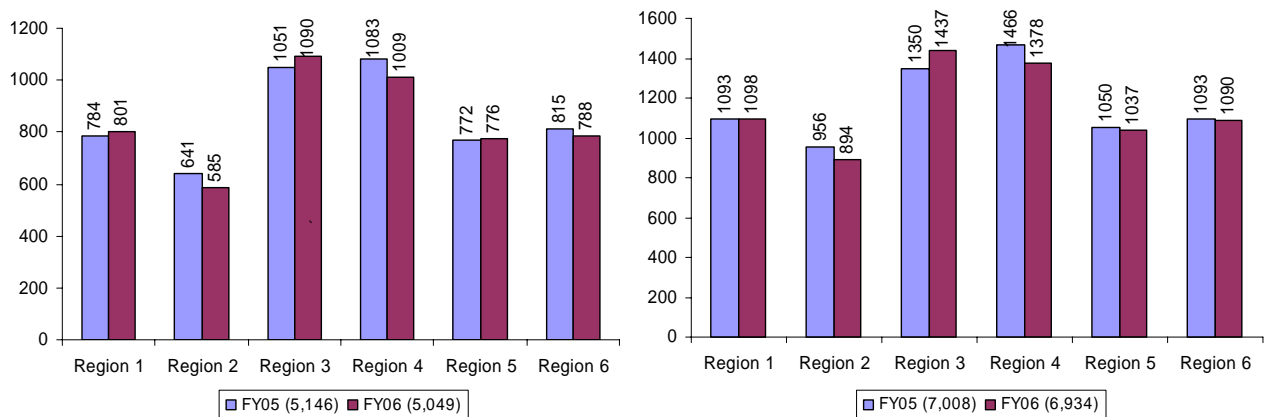
STABILITY			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure ¹ Description
A.1.1.1	9	A one-year baseline for the number of licensed relative and non-relative beds in active foster homes by region and for the state as a whole. (Baseline FY05)	<p>A. The number and bed capacity¹ of foster homes with an active license and at least one day of placement during each Fiscal Year</p> <p>B. The number of unlicensed relative caregivers and children in their care during each Fiscal Year</p>

Active Licensed Foster Homes and Bed Capacity By Region FY05 – FY06



- Data Notes:**
- Foster homes can be counted in more than one region. The unduplicated count of active licensed foster homes for FY05 and FY06 was 5,183 and 5,174 respectively
 - Foster home counts include homes with an active license ONLY if the home had a child in placement during some part of the year (including children in a guardianship)
 - The unduplicated number of children and youth served in licensed foster homes during FY05 was 11,806 compared to 11,873 in FY06
 - Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

Unduplicated Count of Unlicensed Relative Care Homes and Children Placed by Region During FY05 and FY06



- Data Notes:**
- Count of relative caregivers is equal to the count of unlicensed homes with a related child in placement at some time during the year, and includes some duplication across regions (caregivers providing care to children placed from more than one region)
 - Count of children placed with unlicensed relatives is equal to the unduplicated count of children placed at some time during the year in the home of an unlicensed relative caregiver
 - Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

¹ Bed capacity of licensed foster homes represents the maximum licensed capacity of a home but may not accurately represent self-imposed limits on the number of children cared for at one time in a home

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

FY06 Active Licensed Foster Homes and Bed Capacity By Licensed Age Group and Region²

FY06		Region						Grand Total
Age Groups	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	
0-1 yr	Homes	501	329	442	382	445	647	2746
	Beds	1197	931	1041	869	1095	1638	6771
2-5 yr	Homes	637	457	629	571	656	861	3811
	Beds	1542	1310	1495	1330	1670	2161	9508
6-12 yr	Homes	650	546	661	670	758	932	4217
	Beds	1717	1557	1669	1707	2035	2440	11125
13-19 yr	Homes	435	469	461	537	620	687	3209
	Beds	1243	1354	1205	1393	1728	1862	8785

FY06 Active Licensed Foster Homes and Bed Capacity By Level of Care Provided and Region

FY06		Region						Grand Total
Levels	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Respite	Homes	108	111	57	42	39	131	488
	Beds	321	341	173	130	121	386	1472
Receiving	Homes	258	184	244	79	232	59	1056
	Beds	680	540	630	220	601	188	2859
Basic FC	Homes	741	544	732	774	762	1031	4584
	Beds	1785	1506	1726	1773	1873	2579	11242
Basic + Lvl2	Homes	335	227	243	248	280	408	1741
	Beds	904	686	674	630	792	1140	4826
Basic + Lvl3	Homes	182	171	241	183	194	375	1346
	Beds	544	539	675	513	593	1115	3979
Basic + Lvl4	Homes	124	112	143	125	57	212	773
	Beds	384	384	427	390	171	671	2427
BRS	Homes	78	129	149	88	197	98	739
	Beds	241	369	447	315	650	251	2273

² Duplicate count of homes and beds. Counts cannot be summed across regions or age groups. Age groups determined by minimum and maximum ages specified on licensing record. Homes counted if min/max age falls within any age group. Homes may not be licensed to care for children of all ages within an age group (e.g. min age=5, max age=6).

STABILITY			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Report Description ⁱⁱ
A.1.2.1	10	A one-year baseline for the pool of non-relative caregivers who reflect the racial/ethnic diversity of children in the state for whom foster homes are needed, with analysis by region and for the state as a whole.	REPORTS ONLY - Annual count of licensed homes and bed capacity by race(s) of primary caregiver(s), compared to race(s) of children for whom foster homes are needed.

Comparison of Racial Diversity in Foster Careⁱⁱⁱ: Children in Licensed Foster Homes and Licensed Caregivers (FY06)³

FY06	White		African American		Native American***		Hispanic		Asian/PI	
	Children	Homes	Children	Homes	Children	Homes	Children	Homes	Children	Homes
Region 1	894	800	91	65	207	533	177	84	9	22
Region 2	600	550	53	29	217	65	274	198	11	11
Region 3	810	776	133	87	220	69	108	99	16	55
Region 4	582	611	429	323	158	78	129	98	46	44
Region 5	746	751	301	227	214	93	133	99	46	61
Region 6	1181	1050	101	90	265	118	208	135	28	38
State	4813	4538	1108	821	1281	517	1029	713	156	231

***licensing records indicate Native American race for licensed caregivers only when tribal affiliation has been confirmed, producing an undercount.

Comparison of Racial Diversity in Foster Care: Children in Licensed Foster Homes and Beds⁴ (FY06)

FY06	White		African American		Native American***		Hispanic		Asian/PI	
	Children	Beds	Children	Beds	Children	Beds	Children	Beds	Children	Beds
Region 1	894	1915	91	163	207	268	177	216	9	50
Region 2	600	1457	53	68	217	229	274	547	11	36
Region 3	810	1805	133	224	220	176	108	256	16	158
Region 4	582	1392	429	809	158	195	129	231	46	105
Region 5	746	1861	301	592	214	250	133	257	46	165
Region 6	1181	2603	101	218	265	283	208	324	28	93
State	4813	11033	1108	2074	1281	1401	1029	1831	156	607

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Licensed Foster Home Beds Per Child (BpC)* For Children in Licensed Placement (FY06)

FY06	White		African American		Native American***		Hispanic		Asian/PI	
	Children	BpC	Children	BpC	Children	BpC	Children	BpC	Children	BpC
Region 1	894	2.14	91	1.79	207	1.29	177	1.22	9	5.56
Region 2	600	2.43	53	1.28	217	1.06	274	2.00	11	3.27
Region 3	810	2.23	133	1.68	220	0.80	108	2.37	16	9.88
Region 4	582	2.39	429	1.89	158	1.23	129	1.79	46	2.28
Region 5	746	2.49	301	1.97	214	1.17	133	1.93	46	3.59
Region 6	1181	2.20	101	2.16	265	1.07	208	1.56	28	3.32
State	4813	2.29	1108	1.87	1281	1.09	1029	1.78	156	3.89

* Bed per child represents ratio of licensed bed capacity to number of children by race

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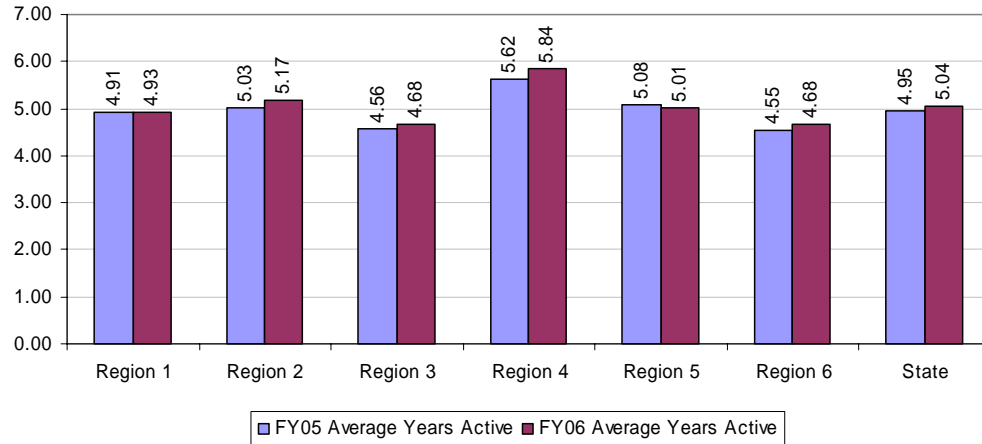
- The unduplicated count of active licensed foster beds for FY06 was 12,783
- The unduplicated count of children in licensed foster homes at the end of FY06 was 5,340

³ Active foster homes active compared to all children in licensed foster homes at the end of FY (includes guardianships). Counts of licenses, not beds.

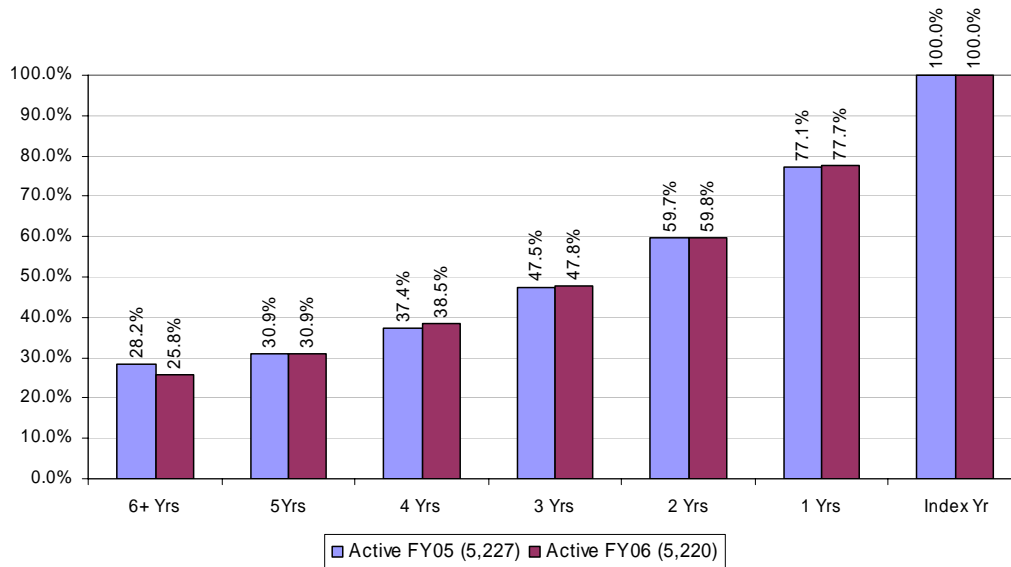
⁴ Licensed bed capacity for active foster homes

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Area/Goal/Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{iv}
A.1.3.1	10	A one-year baseline for the average number of years that licensed caregiver homes providing family foster care are active. (Baseline FY05)	The average years of service for homes active during each Fiscal Year, based on years from first placement through report year.

Average Years of Activity for Licensed Active Foster Homes: FY05 – FY06



Licensed Active Foster Homes by Years of Activity: FY05 and FY06

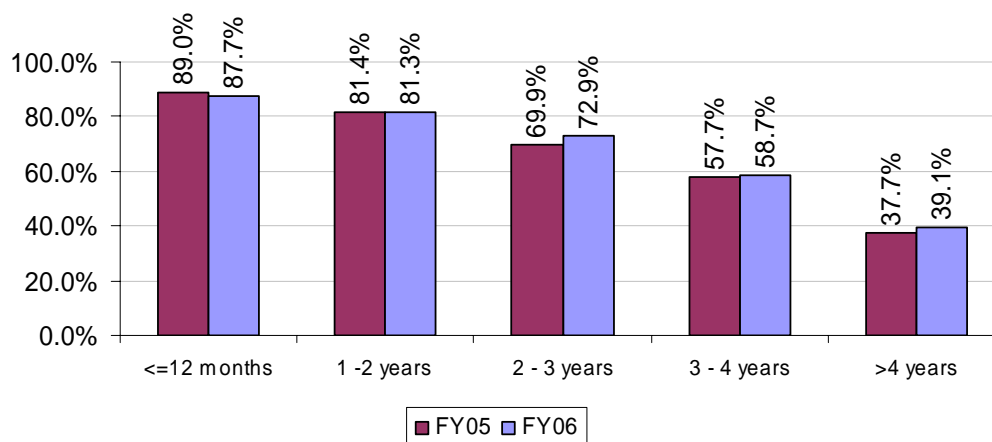


Data Notes:

- Years of activity are determined by the difference between the begin date of the earliest placement associated with the license and the end of the fiscal year
- The median years of activity for homes active during FY05 and FY06 was 3.3 years and 3.6 years respectively
- Increased recruitment of new homes as well as the eventual loss of long-term homes will reduce the average years of activity for all homes active during the year

STABILITY			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^v
A.1.4.1	11	A one-year baseline for the percentage of the children who have experienced less than 3 placements during their current out-of-home episode of care. (Baseline FY05)	The number of events within 'grand' placement episodes ⁵ for groups of children entering placement during successive fiscal years, within lengths of time-in-care categories.

**Braam Stability by Fiscal Year Placement Entry Cohort and Time-in-Care
Percent of Episodes with <3 Placement Events**



**Braam Stability by Fiscal Year Placement Entry Cohort and Time-in-Care
Percent of Episodes with <3 Placement Events**

Time In Care	data	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<= 12 months	count					1690	1711
	% of total					89.0%	87.7%
1 - 2 years	count				1068	1252	
	% of total				81.4%	81.3%	
2 - 3 years	count			721	673		
	% of total			69.9%	72.9%		
3 - 4 years	count		313	319			
	% of total		57.7%	58.7%			
>4 years	count	215	229				
	% of total	37.7%	39.1%				

- Data Notes:**
- Changes on this measure across entry years within a time-in-care cohort do not appear to be statistically significant
 - FY05 (baseline) data based on children who entered placement from FY00 through FY04
 - FY06 (1st performance year) data based on children who entered placement from FY01 through FY05

⁵ Grand Episodes are meant to represent a period of continuous CA responsibility, and are defined as multiple CAMIS placement episodes separated by less than 2 days, or a single CAMIS placement episode if another episode did not began within 1 day. Grand Episodes must last at least 30 days to be included in the measure. Placement event counts exclude the first relative placement, and detention, juvenile rehabilitation, hospital, respite, on-run, birth and adoptive parent placements.

(FY06) Braam Stability by Fiscal Year Placement Entry Cohorts and Time-in-Care Groupings, by Region
Percent of Episodes with <3 Placement Events

Time In Care	FY Cohort	data	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	State
<=12 months	2004	count	389	238	249	264	221	350	1711
		% of total	90.9%	89.5%	87.4%	88.3%	85.0%	85.0%	87.7%
1 - 2 years	2003	count	223	130	201	186	196	316	1252
		% of total	86.1%	76.5%	85.5%	83.0%	77.2%	79.4%	81.3%
2 - 3 years	2002	count	97	82	124	110	132	128	673
		% of total	79.5%	75.9%	77.5%	74.3%	72.1%	63.4%	72.9%
3 - 4 years	2001	count	34	26	77	66	63	53	319
		% of total	65.4%	47.3%	65.3%	75.0%	46.0%	57.0%	58.7%
>4 years	2000	count	13	23	37	69	59	28	229
		% of total	23.6%	28.8%	38.5%	45.4%	42.1%	45.2%	39.1%

(FY06) Braam Stability by Fiscal Year Placement Entry Cohorts and Time-in-Care Groupings, by Braam Race^{vi}
Percent of Episodes with <3 Placement Events

Time In Care	FY Cohort	data	White	AfrAm	NatAm	Asian/PI	Other	Unk	All
<=12 months	2004	count	1186	164	218	43	68	32	1711
		% of total	88.0%	85.9%	88.6%	82.7%	87.2%	88.9%	87.7%
1 - 2 years	2003	count	875	128	135	43	53	18	1252
		% of total	82.2%	74.4%	78.9%	82.7%	85.5%	100.0%	81.3%
2 - 3 years	2002	count	481	95	57	7	28	5	673
		% of total	72.0%	76.6%	72.2%	70.0%	77.8%	83.3%	72.9%
3 - 4 years	2001	count	208	56	32	6	17	0	319
		% of total	58.3%	62.2%	57.1%	50.0%	60.7%	0.0%	58.7%
>4 years	2000	count	151	41	29	3	5	0	229
		% of total	41.1%	39.4%	34.5%	25.0%	27.8%	0.0%	39.1%

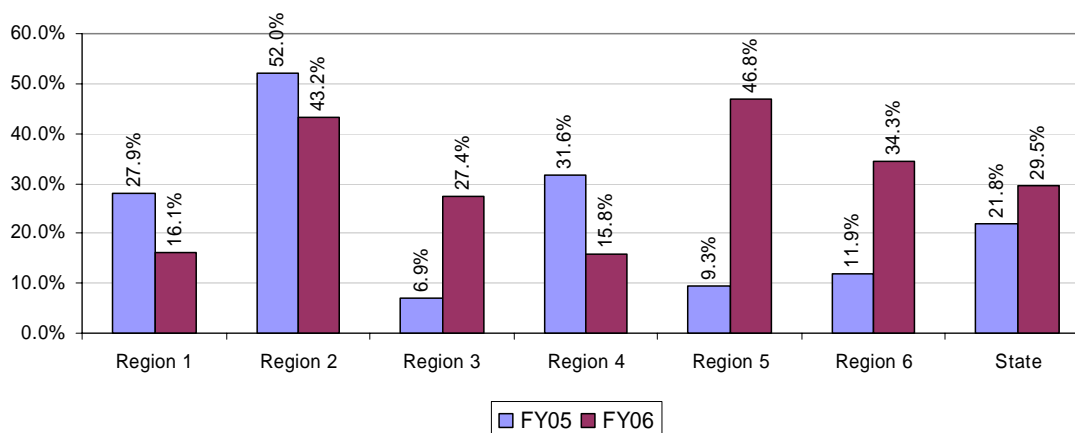
(FY06) Braam Stability by Fiscal Year Placement Entry Cohorts and Time-in-Care Groupings, by Ethnicity
Percent of Episodes with <3 Placement Events

Time in Care	FY Cohort	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	All
<=12 months	2005	88.3%	87.6%	87.7%
1 - 2 years	2004	79.3%	81.6%	81.3%
2 - 3 years	2001	78.3%	72.1%	72.9%
3 - 4 years	2002	52.2%	59.7%	58.7%
>4 years	2001	42.1%	38.7%	39.1%

- Data**
- Race, ethnic and regional differences in the Braam measure of stability have not yet been analyzed for significance
- Notes:**
- Percentage differences must be interpreted with increasing caution as the group size decreases

MENTAL HEALTH			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{vii}
B.1.2.1	20	Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer with completed and documented Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care. (Baseline FY05)	The number of children placed during each Fiscal Year and in out-of-home care 30 days or longer with completed Child Health and Education Tracking (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care.

Percent of Children⁶ With Completed CHET Screens Within 30 Days of Placement: By FY of Placement



Data Notes:

- About 79% of FY06 placements have a recorded CHET staffing date
- The most frequently documented reasons for not having a CHET staffing include:
 - No Screener available (44%)
 - Other – explained by SER entry (19%)
 - Child in a receiving home (15%)
 - Child is on the run, in detention or Juvenile Rehabilitation, or legal custody was transferred (8%)
 - Child has a valid assessment from another source (5%)
- For placements with staffing dates:
 - 37% of CHET staffing dates are within one month of placement
 - 78% of CHET staffing dates are within 60 days of placement
- Regional differences have not yet been analyzed for significance

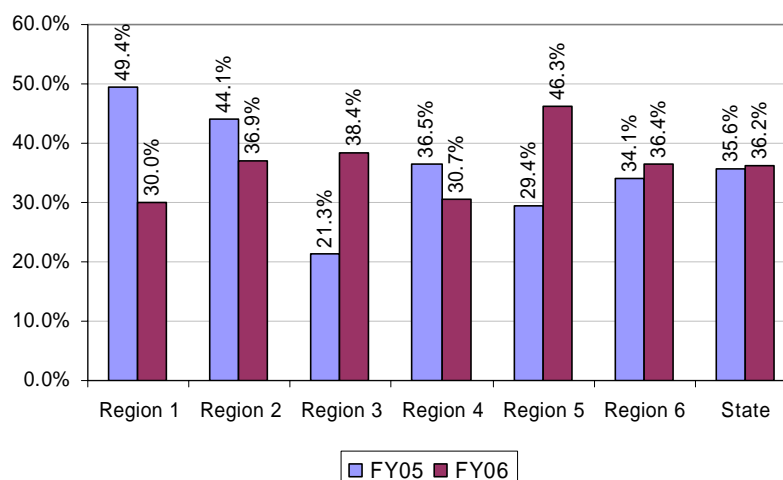
Children Placed During FY06: Days from Placement to Completed CHET

		Region						
Days: Placement to Staffing	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	Grand Total
0-30 days	Count	139	222	232	120	327	337	1377
	Percent	16.1%	43.2%	27.4%	15.8%	46.8%	34.3%	29.5%
31-60 days	Count	256	178	273	259	188	357	1511
	Percent	29.6%	34.6%	32.2%	34.0%	26.9%	36.4%	32.4%
61-90 days	Count	74	43	94	126	41	143	521
	Percent	8.5%	8.4%	11.1%	16.6%	5.9%	14.6%	11.2%
>90 days	Count	42	32	78	54	30	45	281
	Percent	4.8%	6.2%	9.2%	7.1%	4.3%	4.6%	6.0%
No recorded staffing	Count	355	39	170	202	112	100	978
	Percent	41.0%	7.6%	20.1%	26.5%	16.0%	10.2%	21.0%
Count	Count	866	514	847	761	698	982	4668
Percent	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

⁶ All children entering placement during FY05 and FY06, with placements open for 30 days or more, for children who required a CHET screening (based on Kidscreen Log). Staffing date from Kidscreen Log. Includes children who were unavailable due to running, children who changed legal custody, children who moved out-of-state, youth in Juvenile Rehabilitation and Detention, youth who aged out of care and children who had a valid assessment from another source. Total N includes children who do not have a recorded CHET staffing date.

MENTAL HEALTH			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{viii}
B.1.2.2	21	Children in out-of-home care will have EPSDT exams completed within 30 days of entering care. (Baseline FY05)	The number of children placed during each Fiscal Year and in out-of-home care 30 days or longer with EPSDT completion dates within 30 days of entering care ⁷ .

**Percent of Children⁸ Placed During FY05 and FY06
With an EPSDT Screen Within 30 Days of Placement**



**Data
Notes:**

- Initial EPSDT exams are scheduled by health screeners
- EPSDT dates were documented for 50% of FY06 out-of-home placements
- 72.7% of recorded EPSDT dates were within 30 days of placement
- The most frequent reasons for having no EPSDT date are:
 - EPSDT exam date scheduled at future date (21%)
 - Lack of caregiver follow-through (13%)
- Regional differences have not yet been analyzed for significance

Children Placed During FY06: Days from Placement to EPSDT Screening Date

		Region						
Days from Placement to EPSDT	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	Grand Total
31 + days prior	Count	32	8	23	19	20	28	130
	Percent	3.46%	1.45%	2.49%	2.38%	2.66%	2.45%	2.55%
Within 30 days prior	Count	16	13	21	7	29	19	105
	Percent	1.73%	2.36%	2.27%	0.88%	3.86%	1.66%	2.06%
0-30 days	Count	261	190	334	238	319	397	1739
	Percent	28.25%	34.55%	36.15%	29.79%	42.42%	34.70%	34.14%
31-60 days	Count	37	49	98	83	54	87	408
	Percent	4.00%	8.91%	10.61%	10.39%	7.18%	7.60%	8.01%
61-90 days	Count	5	6	21	24	19	23	98
	Percent	0.54%	1.09%	2.27%	3.00%	2.53%	2.01%	1.92%
>90 days	Count	11	8	13	11	10	3	56
	Percent	1.19%	1.45%	1.41%	1.38%	1.33%	0.26%	1.10%
No Date	Count	562	276	414	417	301	587	2557
	Percent	60.82%	50.18%	44.81%	52.19%	40.03%	51.31%	50.21%
Total Count of Placement Id		924	550	924	799	752	1144	5093
Total Count of Placement Id2		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

⁷ This measure was initially developed from CAMIS records been has been re-evaluated based on our inability to identify many children with EPSDT screens from CAMIS records. EPSDT claims and encounter data is being sought to more accurately identify the dates of EPSDT screens for CA children. The CA is currently working with the DSHS Office of Research and Data Analysis (RDA) to acquire this data.

⁸ All children entering out-of-home placement during FY05, with placements open for 30 days or more, EPSDT exams within 30 days of original date of placement.

MENTAL HEALTH			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{ix}
B.1.2.7	22	Children under age three, identified with concerns about developmental delays in the CHET screening, will be referred to the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) within 2 working days. (Baseline FY05)	The number of children placed during each Fiscal Year under the age of 3 years, who remained in care at least 30 days and had developmental concerns identified in the CHET screening, with an ITEIP intake within 2 days.

**Percent of Children⁹ Placed During FY05
With an ITEIP Intake Within 2 Days¹⁰ of CHET Screening**

This measure was initially developed for the baseline year but has been re-evaluated based on our inability to match CA children with ITEIP referrals. An attempt was made to match 1,575 children who entered placement under the age of 3 years during FY05 and who had developmental concerns identified in their CHET with ITEIP records for initial phone calls to a provider.

It has subsequently been determined that we cannot identify CA children who are referred for ITEIP services through ITEIP provider records, primarily for these reasons:

1. ITEIP provider record keeping is not uniform across the state, and some only record children who are found eligible, and
2. Many ITEIP referrals are made through a contracted agency (not directly to the ITEIP provider), and ITEIP records do not include a record of the initial call

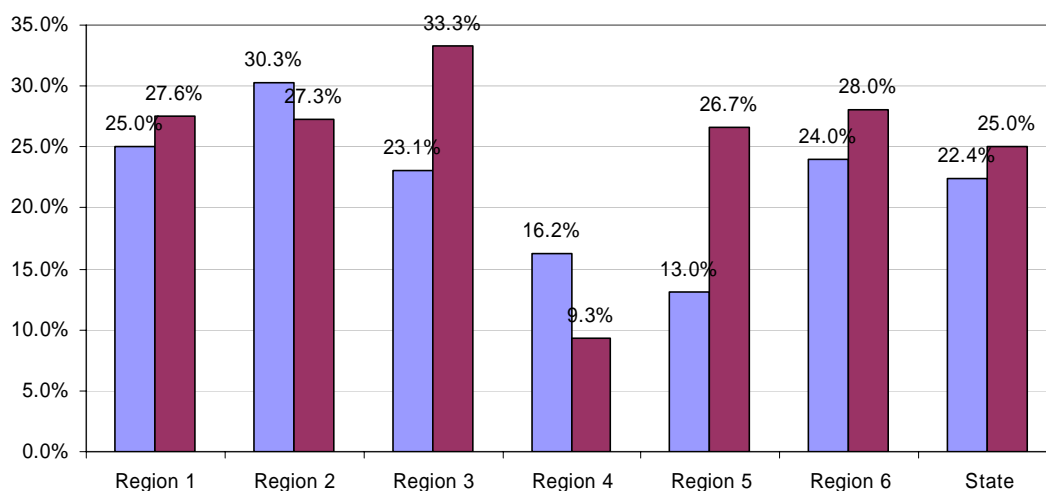
The CA is currently discussing ways that the ITEIP referral date might be collected by CA staff.

⁹ All children ages 0-2 entering placement during FY05, with placements open for 30 days or more, with developmental concerns identified by CHET

¹⁰ 3 calendar days provides an approximation of 2 working days. Includes ITEIP intakes prior to CHET screening date.

MENTAL HEALTH			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description*
B.3.1.1	26	Children entering out-of-home placement who are identified by the CHET screening as needing a comprehensive mental health assessment will receive one within 45 calendar days of entering care (Baseline FY05)	The number of children placed during each Fiscal Year who remained in care at least 30 days, with borderline or clinical CBCL scores from their CHET screening, who had mental health assessments within 45 days of placement.

**Children¹¹ Placed During FY05 and FY06 With Borderline or Clinical CBCL Scores
Percent With a Mental Health Assessment Within 45 Days of Placement**



**Data
Notes:**

- Measure looks only at children who were being assessed by MH for the first time (excluding re-assessments)
- In order for children to get enrolled in on-going MH services (non-crisis) they have to complete an intake assessment. That intake can range over several visits and includes a determination of medical necessity, history, and a complete mental health evaluation. This is used to determine whether the child meets the access to care standards. Clients need to be re-assessed every 6 months or 180 days. Some intake evaluation dates represent re-assessments, while other re-assessments are coded in such a way that they are not captured in this data.
- Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

Children Placed During FY06: Days from Placement to Mental Health Assessment

		Region						Grand Total
Days from OPD to Intake	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<=45 days	Count	8	6	14	4	8	14	54
	Percent	27.6%	27.3%	33.3%	9.3%	26.7%	28.0%	25.0%
46-60 days	Count	3	2	6	5	5	4	25
	Percent	10.3%	9.1%	14.3%	11.6%	16.7%	8.0%	11.6%
61-90 days	Count	5	4	4	8	2	4	27
	Percent	17.2%	18.2%	9.5%	18.6%	6.7%	8.0%	12.5%
>90 days	Count	13	10	18	26	15	28	110
	Percent	44.8%	45.5%	42.9%	60.5%	50.0%	56.0%	50.9%
Total Count		29	22	42	43	30	50	216
Total Percent		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

OPD = original date of placement

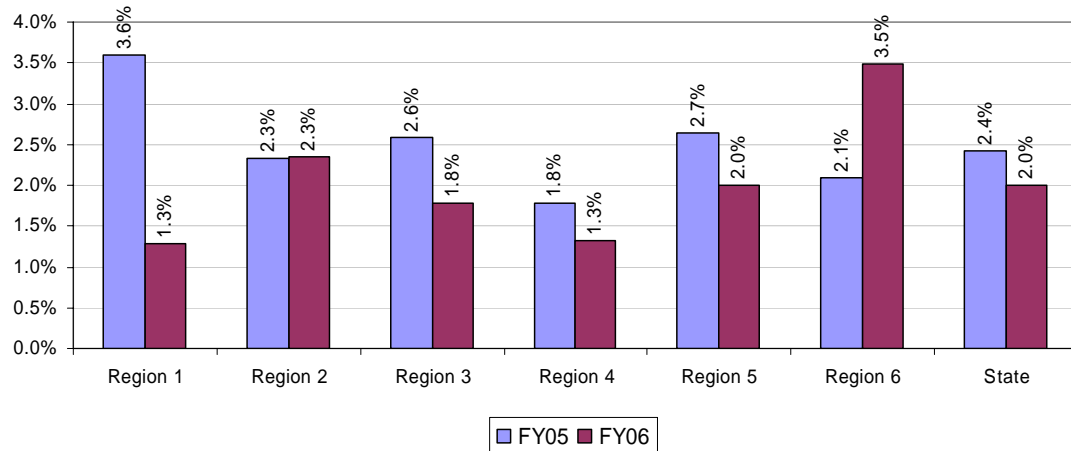
Intake = date of comprehensive MH intake

¹¹ All children entering placement during FY05 for the first time, without MH services during the prior year, remaining in placement for 30 days or more, with MH needs identified by CHET

MENTAL HEALTH

Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{xi}
B.3.1.5	27	Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health needs every 12 months (Baseline FY05)	The number of children in episodes open at least 365 days at the end of each Fiscal Year with one or more recorded EPSDT within the last year ¹² .

Percent of Children With an Annual¹³ EPSDT Screening (FY05 and FY06)



**Data
Notes:**

- Annual EPSDT exams must be scheduled and documented by the assigned Social Worker, and documentation is incomplete
- Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

Percent of Children With an Annual EPSDT Screening by FY

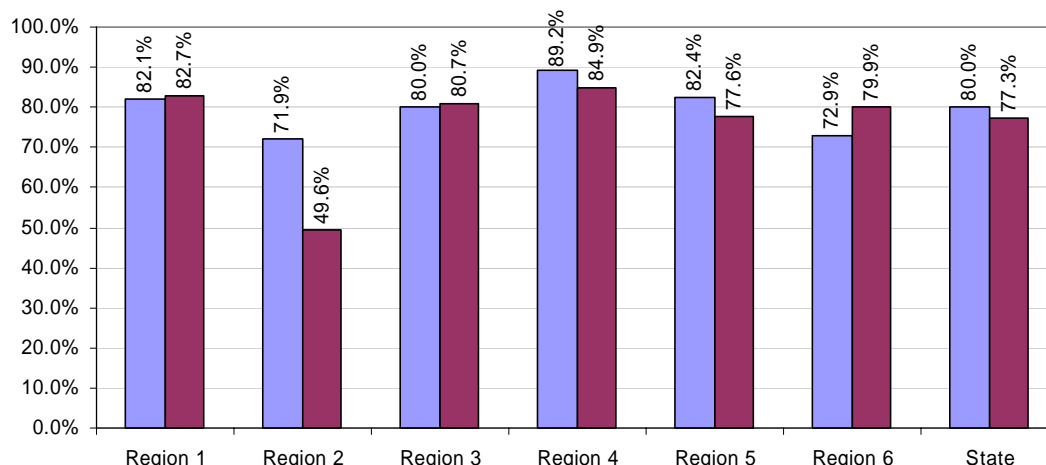
FY06		Region						
Annual	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	Grand Total
Yes	Count	10	15	20	17	19	34	115
	Percent	1.3%	2.3%	1.8%	1.3%	2.0%	3.5%	2.0%
No	Count	450	338	498	474	451	510	2721
	Percent	57.9%	52.9%	44.1%	36.7%	47.4%	52.3%	47.2%
No EPSDT date	Count	317	286	611	801	481	432	2928
	Percent	40.8%	44.8%	54.1%	62.0%	50.6%	44.3%	50.8%
Total Count of PRSN-ID		777	639	1129	1292	951	976	5764
Total Count of PRSN-ID2		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹² This measure was initially developed from CAMIS records been has been re-evaluated based on our inability to identify many children with EPSDT screens from CAMIS records. EPSDT claims and encounter data is being sought to more accurately identify the dates of EPSDT screens for CA children. The CA is currently working with the DSHS Office of Research and Data Analysis (RDA) to acquire this data.

¹³ Annual = EPSDT completion date within past year (within 365 days of FY06 end date (6/30/06))

MENTAL HEALTH			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{xii}
B.3.2.1	28	Children will receive recommended services from a qualified mental health service provider within 30 days of the completion of an assessment recommending services. (Baseline FY05)	The number of children in out-of-home placement during each Fiscal Year who with mental health assessments, who received non-crisis mental health services within 30 days of a mental health assessment.

**Percent of Children¹⁴ In Placement During FY05
Receiving a Mental Health Service¹⁵ Within 30 Days of Assessment**



- Data Notes:**
- Measure looks only at children who were being assessed by MH for the first time (excluding re-assessments)
 - In order for children to get enrolled in on-going MH services (non-crisis) they have to complete an intake assessment. That intake can range over several visits and includes a determination of medical necessity, history, and a complete mental health evaluation. This is used to determine whether the child meets the access to care standards. Clients need to be re-assessed every 6 months or 180 days. Some intake evaluation dates represent re-assessments, while other re-assessments are coded in such a way that they are not captured in this data.
 - Data include some duplication of children across regions
 - Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

Children In Placement During FY06: Days from Mental Health Assessment to Mental Health Service

FY06		Region						
Intake-Svc	Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	Grand Total
0-30 days	Count	129	60	138	146	59	175	707
	Percent	82.7%	49.6%	80.7%	84.9%	77.6%	79.9%	77.3%
31-45 days	Count	5	14	3	5	1	8	36
	Percent	3.2%	11.6%	1.8%	2.9%	1.3%	3.7%	3.9%
46-60 days	Count		4	1	6	3	4	18
	Percent	0.0%	3.3%	0.6%	3.5%	3.9%	1.8%	2.0%
>60 days	Count	5	7	5	4	1	5	27
	Percent	3.2%	5.8%	2.9%	2.3%	1.3%	2.3%	3.0%
No svc date	Count	17	36	24	11	12	27	127
	Percent	10.9%	29.8%	14.0%	6.4%	15.8%	12.3%	13.9%
Total Count of PERSONID		156	121	171	172	76	219	915

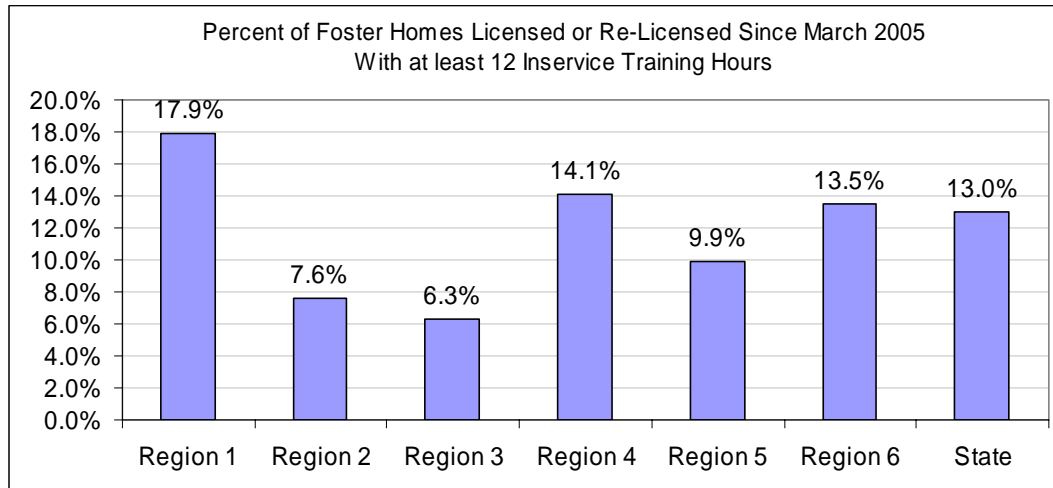
¹⁴ All children in their first placement during FY05, without MH services in prior year, with mental health assessments by RSN service providers

¹⁵ Non-crisis mental health services of any modality

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING

Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Report Description ^{xiii}
C.2.1.1	38	A one-year baseline for Fiscal Year 2005 for the percentage of foster parents completing 36 hours of in-service training for each three-year period.	REPORT ONLY: The number of in-service training hours completed for foster parents licensed or re-licensed since March 2005

Percent of Licensed Foster Homes With at least 12 In-service Training Hours (FY05)



Percent of Licensed Foster Homes With at least 12 In-service Training Hours (FY05)

		REGION						
IN-SERVICE HOURS	Data	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	State
>=12 hrs	COUNT	133	30	14	62	36	161	436
	PERCENT	17.9%	7.6%	6.3%	14.1%	9.9%	13.5%	13.0%
<12 hrs	COUNT	612	365	209	379	329	1034	2928
	PERCENT	82.1%	92.4%	93.7%	85.9%	90.1%	86.5%	87.0%
Total COUNT		745	395	223	441	365	1195	3364
Total PERCENT		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Data

Notes:

- This report has not been updated for FY06
- Foster home providers are required to accumulate 36 hours of in-service training over 3 years
- Training requirement was implemented March 2005
- It is permissible for a foster home provider to acquire all 36 hours in the final year

UNSAFE / INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENT

Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Report Description ^{xiv}
D.2.2.1	50	A one-year baseline for Fiscal Year 2005 for the percentage of referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care that received thorough investigation within CA policy timelines and with required documentation	BENCHMARK DATA NOT YET COLLECTED BY CASE REVIEW. Reports include: 1) characteristics of the alleged victims (e.g., out-of-home setting, age, gender, race, type of maltreatment), 2) outcomes of the investigation

FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement by DLR Status¹⁶ and Placement¹⁷ Type

Victims in FY05 CPS Referrals		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Placement Type	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
Licensed Foster Care	Victim Count	895	1618	2513
	%	35.6%	64.4%	100.0%
Group Home	Victim Count	111	110	221
	%	50.2%	49.8%	100.0%
Unlicensed Relative	Victim Count	75	859	934
	%	8.0%	92.0%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement by DLR Status and Gender

Victims in FY05 CPS Referrals		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Gender	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
Female	Victim Count	474	1335	1809
	%	26.2%	73.8%	100.0%
Male	Victim Count	607	1252	1859
	%	32.7%	67.3%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement by DLR Status and Age at Referral

Victims in FY05 CPS Referrals		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Referral Age	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
(1) 0-1 yrs	Victim Count	76	487	558
	%	13.6%	87.3%	100.0%
(2) 2-5 yrs	Victim Count	239	825	1047
	%	22.8%	78.8%	100.0%
(3) 6-11 yrs	Victim Count	307	846	1136
	%	27.0%	74.5%	100.0%
(4) 12-17 yrs	Victim Count	455	429	858
	%	53.0%	50.0%	100.0%
(5) > 17 yrs	Victim Count	4		4
	%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

¹⁶ Allegations of abuse or neglect (CA/N) by a licensed provider are investigated by the Division of Licensed Resources (DLR). DLR referrals may concern any current or previous licensed care provider, including licensed child care providers. Non-DLR referrals for children in licensed placement may concern maltreatment prior to removal. Referrals for children in unlicensed relative placement may concern the current caregiver or any previous caregiver, including biological parents.

¹⁷ Includes victims in licensed foster homes, group care, and unlicensed relative placement at the time of referral.

**FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement
by DLR Status and Race**

		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Victim Race	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
African American	Victim Count	128	221	345
	%	37.1%	64.1%	100.0%
Asian/Pac Isl	Victim Count	5	35	40
	%	12.5%	87.5%	100.0%
Caucasian	Victim Count	690	1684	2326
	%	29.7%	72.4%	100.0%
Multi-Race	Victim Count	106	248	350
	%	30.3%	70.9%	100.0%
Native American	Victim Count	120	252	366
	%	32.8%	68.9%	100.0%
Other	Victim Count	31	107	135
	%	23.0%	79.3%	100.0%
Unreported	Victim Count	1	40	41
	%	2.4%	97.6%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

**FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement
by DLR Status and Type of Maltreatment**

		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
ABUSE TYPE	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
Sexual abuse only	Victim Count	39	99	135
	%	28.9%	73.3%	100.0%
Physical abuse only	Victim Count	238	281	509
	%	46.8%	55.2%	100.0%
Physical neglect only	Victim Count	615	1785	2356
	%	26.1%	75.8%	100.0%
Emotional abuse, medical neglect, other single types	Victim Count		25	25
	%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sexual abuse with any other type	Victim Count	55	129	182
	%	30.2%	70.9%	100.0%
Physical neglect with any other except sexual abuse	Victim Count	134	268	396
	%	33.8%	67.7%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

**FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement
by DLR Status and Investigation Findings**

		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Investigation Findings	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
(1) Founded	Victim Count	79	1282	1358
	%	5.8%	94.4%	100.0%
(2) Inconclusive	Victim Count	118	628	745
	%	15.8%	84.3%	100.0%
(3) Unfounded	Victim Count	871	604	1418
	%	61.4%	42.6%	100.0%
(4) Missing	Victim Count	13	73	82
	%	15.9%	89.0%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

**FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement
by DLR Status and Overall Risk After Investigation**

		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Overall Risk After Investigation	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
No risk	Victim Count	52	166	217
	%	24.0%	76.5%	100.0%
Low risk	Victim Count	223	563	771
	%	28.9%	73.0%	100.0%
Moderately low risk	Victim Count	293	561	833
	%	35.2%	67.3%	100.0%
Moderate risk	Victim Count	323	349	651
	%	49.6%	53.6%	100.0%
Moderately high risk	Victim Count	94	372	461
	%	20.4%	80.7%	100.0%
High risk	Victim Count	82	504	585
	%	14.0%	86.2%	100.0%
No Documentation	Victim Count	14	72	85
	%	16.5%	84.7%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

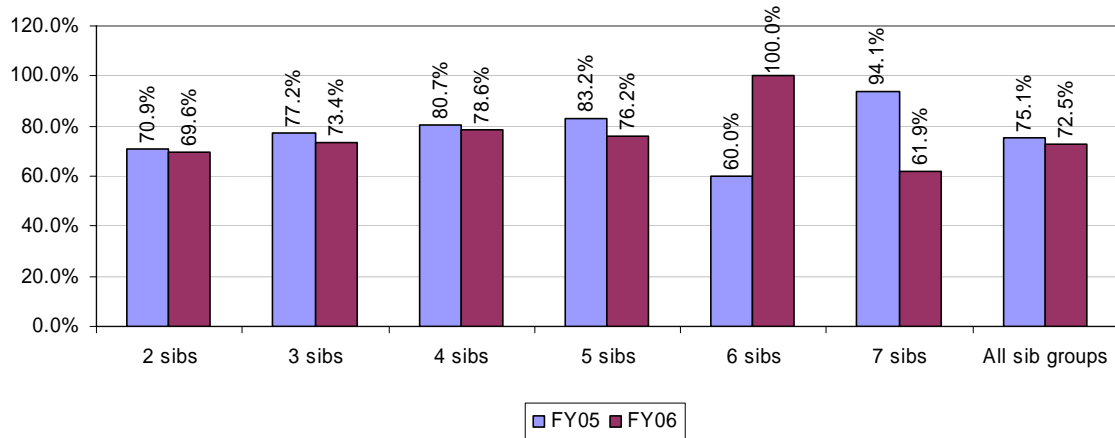
**FY05 CPS Referrals for Children in Placement
by DLR Status and Recommended Case Disposition**

		Allegations of CA/N by a licensed provider?		
Disposition After Investigation	Data	Yes	No	Grand Total
Continue Services	Victim Count	1002	1597	2535
	%	39.5%	63.0%	100.0%
End Services	Victim Count	920	920	920
	%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
No Documentation	Victim Count	79	70	148
	%	53.4%	47.3%	100.0%
Total Victim Count		1081	2587	3668
Total %		29.5%	70.5%	100.0%

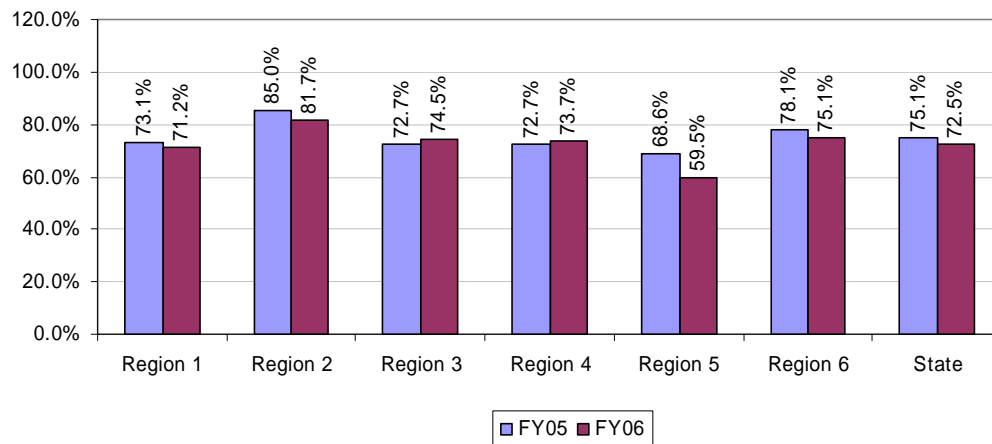
A recommended disposition of 'continue services' for DLR/CPS referrals means that the case has been referred to DCFS for services

SIBLING PLACEMENT			
Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{xv}
E.1.1.1	55	A one-year baseline for Fiscal Year 2005 for the percentage of children in the class placed with (1) any siblings and (2) all siblings, for children placed in regular licensed relative and non-relative foster care, for the state as a whole and for each region (Baseline FY05)	The number of children placed in regular foster care during FY05 who were placed with some or all other removed siblings

Percent of Children Placed¹⁸ in Regular Foster Care With Some or All Other Removed Siblings (FY05 – FY06): By Sibling Group Size



Percent of Children Placed in Regular Foster Care With Some or All Other Removed Siblings: By Region (FY05-FY06)

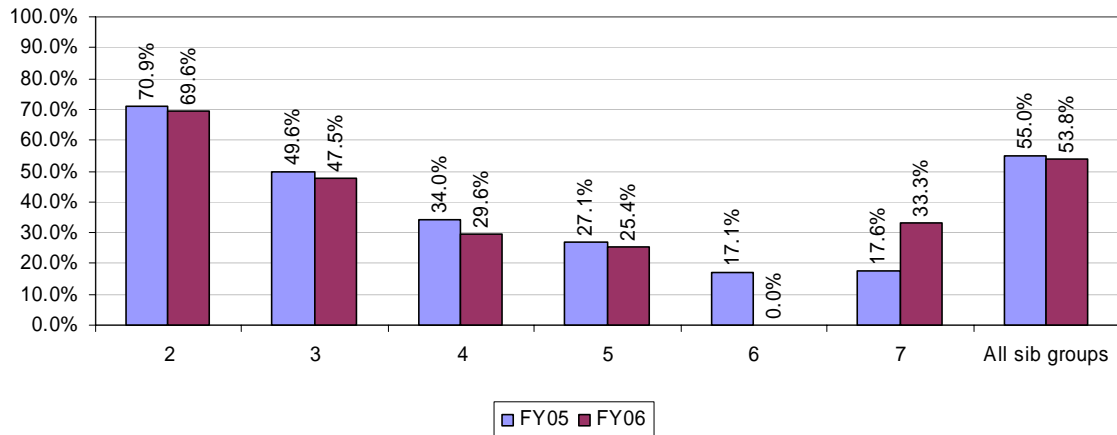


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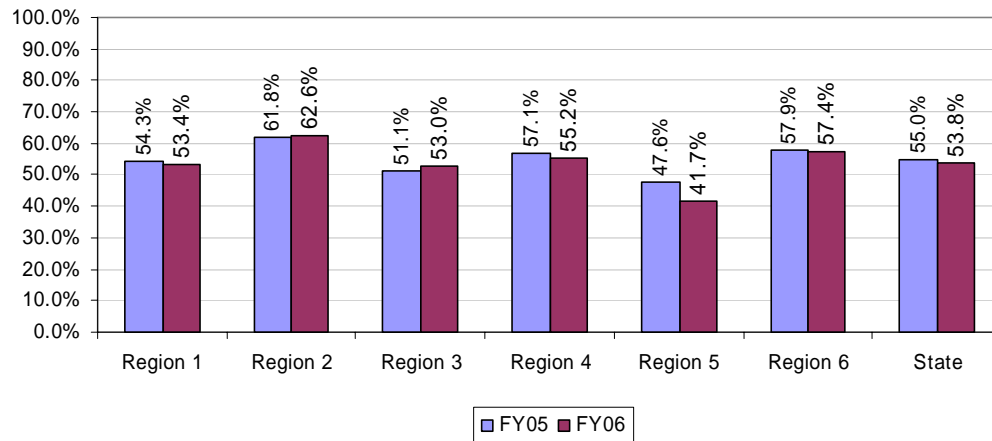
- Measure specifically looks at all children in their first placement episode beginning during the fiscal year, with a length-of-stay of at least 30 days, placed into the same home with other placed siblings.
- Sibling groups for this measure were identified by a common case number within the same office
- Regional differences have not yet been analyzed for significance

¹⁸ Children placed into regular foster care during FY05 who were part of a sibling group removed and placed together into out-of-home care

**Percent of Children Placed¹⁹ With All Other Siblings
By Sibling Group Size (FY05 – FY06)**



**Percent of Children Placed With All Other Siblings
By Region (FY05-FY06)**



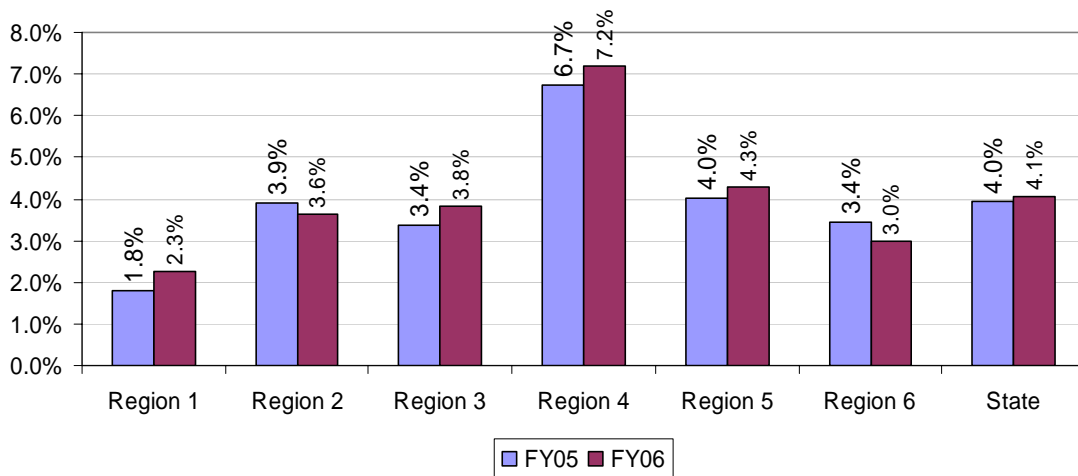
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 - Sibling groups for this measure were identified by a common case number within the same office
 - Regional differences have not yet been analyzed for significance

¹⁹ Children placed into regular foster care during FY05 who were part of a sibling group removed and placed into out-of-home care, with all siblings placed together in the same home

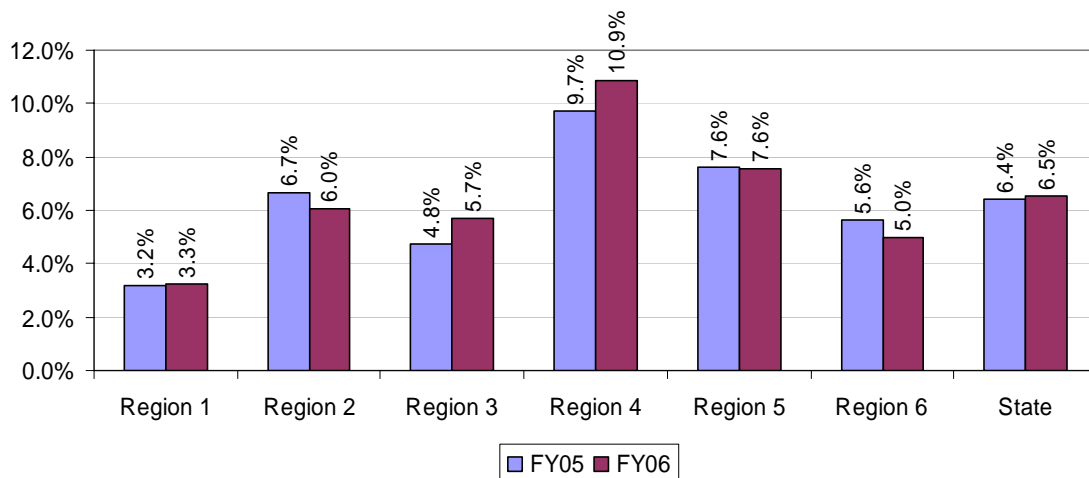
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Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{xvi}
F.3.1.1	72	A one-year baseline for Fiscal Year 2005 will be established for the percentage of children who ran from out-of-home care placements during the year and from out-of-home care during their current episode in out-of-home care (Baseline FY05)	<p>A. The number of children in a placement episode open during the fiscal year with at least one runaway event beginning during each Fiscal Year</p> <p>B. The number of children in an open placement episode on the last day of the fiscal year with at least one runaway event during their current episode</p>

Percent of All Children Who Ran From Any Placement²⁰ During FY05 and FY06



Percent of Children Who Ran From Placement²¹ During Their Current Episode: Children in Placement FY05 and FY06



Data Notes:

- Includes children of all ages – not limited to adolescents
- Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance
- Region 4 has a disproportionately large share of the state's placement resources for youth with serious emotional and behavioral challenges

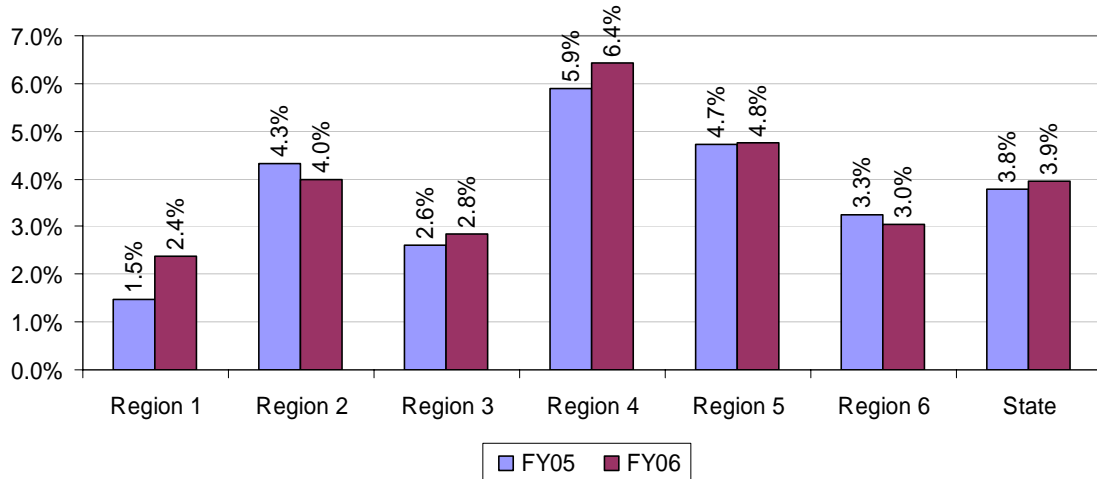
²⁰ Children in any placement episode open during FY05

²¹ Children in an open placement episode on the last day of the fiscal year

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Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description ^{xvii}
F.3.2.1	72	A one-year baseline will be established for the percentage of children who run from out-of-home care placements two or more times during their current episode in out-of-home care (Baseline FY05)	The number of children in an open placement episode on the last day of each Fiscal Year with at least two runaway events in their current episode

**Percent of All Children Who Ran More Than 1 Time
From Current Placement²² at End of FY05 and FY06**



**Data
Notes:**

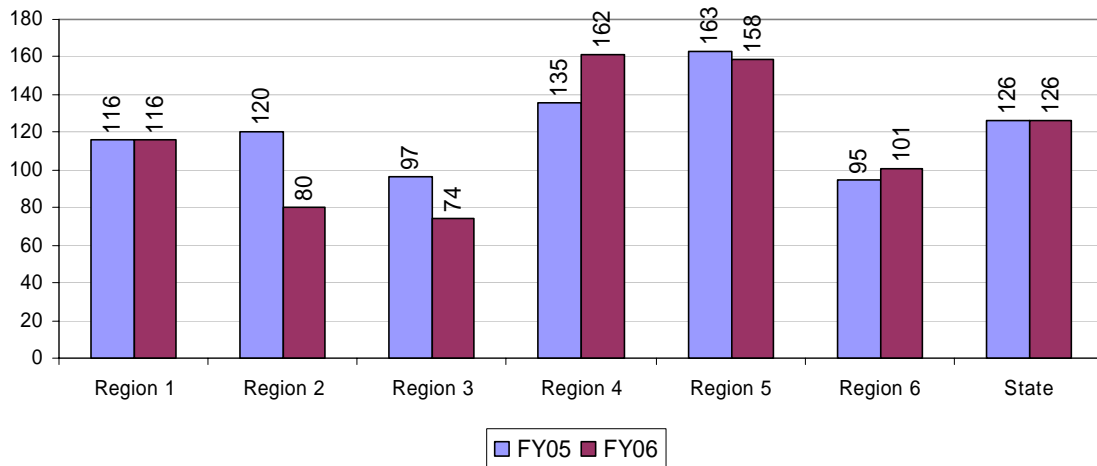
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- Region 4 has a disproportionately large share of the state's placement resources for youth with serious emotional and behavioral challenges

²² [Children in a placement episode open on the last day of the fiscal year](#)

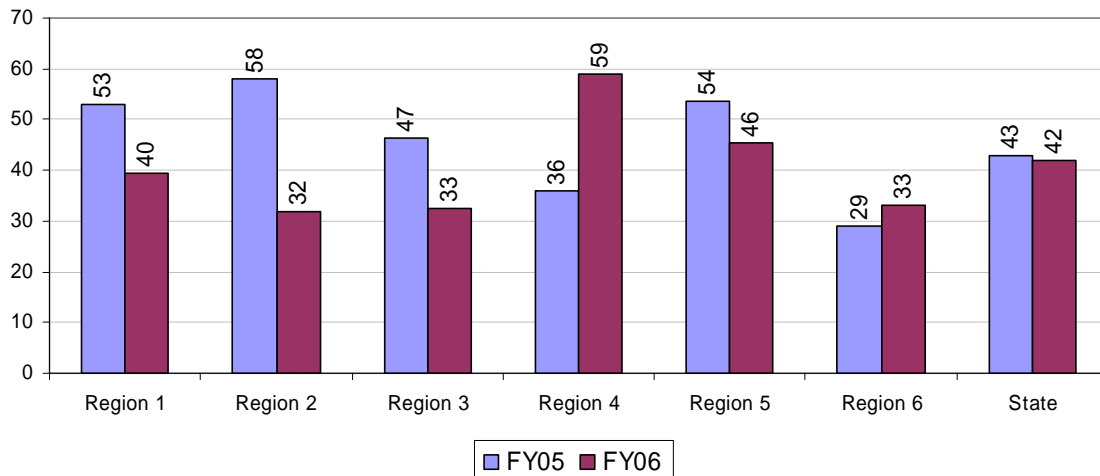
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Area/Goal/ Outcome/Benchmark	Implementation Plan Page #	Benchmark Description	Measure Description
F.3.3.1	73	A one-year baseline will be established for the average number of days (mean and median) for children who run from out-of-home care placements during their current episode in out-of-home care (Baseline FY05)	<p>A. Average days in a running event for all children in an open placement episode on the last day of each Fiscal Year and with at least one runaway event in their current episode</p> <p>B. Median days in a running event for all children in an open placement episode on the last day of the fiscal year and with at least one runaway event in their current episode</p>

Average (Mean) Days in a Runaway Event: By Region and FY



Median Days in a Runaway Event: By Region and FY



- The average number of days children were on the run during FY05 and FY05 was 126 days
- Half of all children were on the run for more than about 42 days
- Regional differences have not been analyzed for significance

ⁱ Data Source: CAMIS placement and licensing records

ⁱⁱ Data Sources: Active Homes from Braam Active FH Measure, children in licensed placements (nopenpl.xls for FY05). \

ⁱⁱⁱ Race of licensed homes determined by any race code associated with one or more caregiver on the license. Homes can be counted in multiple race categories. Race of children determined by any race code associated with the person. Children can be counted in multiple race categories.

^{iv} Data Sources: Active Homes from Braam Active FH Measure

^v Data source: CAMIS placement records. The Braam stability measure was constructed to allow an evaluation of stability for children: (1) during their entire grand episode (a period of time in placement during which the Children's Administration had continuous responsibility); (2) with similar lengths-of-stay in placement, to partially control for the strong negative relationship between length-of-stay and placement stability (as length-of-stay increases, the likelihood of placement stability decreases), and (3) for groups of children who entered placement in the same fiscal year, to better evaluate the impact of policy and practice changes on placement stability.

^{vi} CAMIS does not record a primary race or a the race that is self-identified by clients. Clients can have from 1 to 6 race designations, in addition to the identification of ethnicity. Race categories constructed for Braam data are mutually exclusive. Children are only counted in one race category even when more than one race code was recorded. The following rules do not suggest that CA staff or Braam Panel representatives believe children would necessarily identify themselves within these categories.

Native American children = all children with any Native American race code

African American children = all children not classified as Native American who have any African American race code

Asian/Pacific Islander = all children not classified as Native American or African American who have one or more Asian or Pacific Islander race code

White = all children with a single race code of 'white'

Other race = all children not previously classified who have an other race code

Unreported/Unknown = all children who have a race code of 'unable to determine' or 'question not asked'

^{vii} Data Source: CAMIS placement records, Kidscreen records. Staffing date from Kidscreen database

^{viii} Data Source: CAMIS placement records, Kidscreen records

^{ix} Data Source: CAMIS placement records, Kidscreen records, ITEIP records

^x Data Source: CAMIS placement records, Kidscreen records, MHD records from RSN service providers

^{xi} Data Source: CAMIS placement records, Kidscreen records

^{xii} Data Source: CAMIS placement records, MHD records from RSN service providers

^{xiii} Data source: CAMIS licensing records

^{xiv} Data Source: CAMIS referral records. CPS referrals with licensing issues received during FY05, with alleged victims in out-of-home placement

^{xv} Data source: CAMIS placement records

^{xvi} Ibid

^{xvii} Ibid

These notes provide a record of changes to Braam Baseline Report measures since the draft report was submitted to the Braam Panel:

Date	AGOB	Display	Reason
9/28/06	B.1.2.2	Chart and table displaying performance for EPSDT completion within 30 days	Two corrections were made: 1) Measure: the original measure logic was limited to children who entered placement and remained at least 30 days AND who had a kidscreen record in CAMIS. The corrected measure includes all children who were placed in out-of-home care and remained at least 30 days, even if they did not also have a kidscreen record. 2) Display: reversed labels - the original draft incorrectly identified children with EPSDT screens within 30 days as non-compliant.
9/28/06	D.2.2.1	Tables displaying characteristics of DLR/CPS referrals and investigation results	The population of interest was changed based on discussions with Panel representatives.
10/10/06	B.3.1.5	Chart and table displaying performance on annual EPSDT completion	Correction made to exclude in-home placement episodes - now excludes these based on episode type (<> 'I')
10/17/06	B.1.2.7	Chart and table displaying referrals to ITEIP within 2 days	ITEIP provider records have not proven to be a reliable source of information about initial referrals to the program.
10/17/06	B.1.2.1	Chart and table displaying CHET screens within 30 days of placement	Measure originally excluded placements during FY05 based on LOS field in the Kidscreen Log (stand-alone database, LOS <30 days). Because this field is not updated in the Kidscreen Log database, only about 50% of qualified placements were selected for the measure. The modified data reflects LOS filtering based on the current CAMIS placement record
10/17/06	E.1.1.1	Chart and table displaying placement with all siblings by size of sibling group	Sibling count variable used for breakout by size of sibling group and placement type variable used to select placements in regular foster care were both found to need correction. New data reflects placement type filtering based on the first event type in the placement instead of the most current type.
12/27/06	E.1.1.1	Chart and table displaying placement with all siblings by size of sibling group	Data originally reflected counts of children in sibling groups where some or all children were placed together. Change was made to reflect counts of children placed with some or all other siblings.